H. Res. 172

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

June 27, 2001.

- Whereas on June 17, 2001, 350 firefighters and numerous police officers responded to a 911 call that sent them to Long Island General Supply Company in Queens, New York;
- Whereas a fire and an explosion in a two-story building had turned the 128-year-old, family-owned store into a heap of broken bricks, twisted metal, and shattered glass;
- Whereas all those who responded to the scene served without reservation and with their personal safety on the line;
- Whereas two civilians and dozens of firefighters were injured by the blaze, including firefighters Joseph Vosilla and Brendan Manning who were severely injured;
- Whereas John J. Downing of Ladder Company 163, an 11year veteran of the department and resident of Port Jefferson Station, and a husband and father of two, lost his life in the fire;
- Whereas Brian Fahey of Rescue Company 4, a 14-year veteran of the department and resident of East Rockaway, and a husband and father of three, lost his life in the fire; and
- Whereas Harry Ford of Rescue Company 4, a 27-year veteran of the department from Long Beach, and a husband

and father of three, lost his life in the fire: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) honors John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters, and recognizes them for their bravery and sacrifice;
- (2) extends its deepest sympathies to the families of these three brave heroes; and
- (3) pledges its support and to continue to work on behalf of all of the Nation's firefighters who risk their lives every day to ensure the safety of all Americans.

Attest:

Clerk.